AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 1 line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Generally, a hair iron has two irons which are mutually oscillatable ~~two irons~~ (to hold hair). The inventor of the present invention has proposed a hair iron having ~~such~~ two such irons to set the hair only with steam (refer to Japanese Provisional Publication No. 2002-253329).

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 1 line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

However, corresponding faces, which mutually come close to each other in a closed state of the two irons, are formed as flat faces. And, the two irons tend to hold the hair with ~~ununiform~~ non-uniform thickness. Therefore, unevenness is generated in a heating state.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 5 line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As observed in Figure 11, and, Figures 2, 4, and 5, positions of the steam-jetting holes 13 are disposed not to correspond to that of the steam suction holes 14 when observed in a direction at right angles with the corresponding faces 9 and 10 in the closed state in which the corresponding face 9 of the first iron 1 and the corresponding face 10 of the second iron 2 mutually come close. In ~~Figures~~ Figure 11, longitudinal positions of the steam-jetting holes 13 and the steam suction holes 14,

disposed along a central line in the width direction with the predetermined pitch, are dislocated as the steam jetted out of one of the steam-jetting holes 13 flows into neighboring two steam suction holes 14 as shown in Figure 11. With this construction, the steam contacts the hair held by the corresponding faces 9 and 10 for relatively long time to uniformly contact the entire hair (local contact is prevented).

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